

Chairperson: Supervisor Lee Holloway, County Board Chairman
Clerk: Lauri Henning, 278-4227
Staff: Terrence Cooley, 278-4994

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, June 16, 2004 - 2:00 P.M.

Milwaukee County Courthouse - Room 203-R

MINUTES

CASSETTE #1

Side A, #1-END; Side B, #1-#141

PRESENT: Supervisors Nyklewicz, Coggs-Jones, Borkowski, De Bruin, Quindel, Mayo, White*, Schmitt, Johnson, Weishan, McCue, Cesarz, Broderick, Clark*, Devine, Dimitrijevic, Rice, West and Holloway (Chair)

*Supervisors White and Clark were not present at the time of the roll call, but arrived soon thereafter.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. 04-257 Resolution by Supervisors Holloway, McCue, White, Weishan, Coggs-Jones, Borkowski, Johnson, Dimitrijevic, West and Quindel, approving a policy that, prior to any initiation of discussions relative to the elimination of services or programs currently provided by County employees, where such elimination constitutes a reduction in the County workforce of ten percent (10%) or more of a given County department or division or section of a department (and where a minimum of ten employees are impacted), the director or manager of the program or service shall place such issue before the County Board for consideration and provide a rationale for the initiative and other pertinent information. **(REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEES ON FINANCE AND AUDIT AND PERSONNEL)**

A-20

APPEARANCES:

Terrence D. Cooley, County Board Chief of Staff
William Domina, Corporation Counsel

An amendment to the resolution, co-sponsored by Supervisors Holloway, McCue and Nyklewicz, was provided to Committee members, a copy of which is attached to the original of these minutes. Mr. Cooley explained the intent of the amendment.

Supervisor Nyklewicz in the Chair.

Supervisor Holloway proceeded to comment on the item, noting that his intent is not to take away any authority from the County Executive in managing the County or the County budget, but to include the County Board as the policy-making body of the County in any decisions that have strong policy implications. He pointed

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

out that this matter is scheduled for the Finance and Audit and Personnel Committees for recommendation to the County Board. It was scheduled for the Committee of the Whole for informational purposes only.

Discussion ensued at length, during which various questions and concerns were raised by Committee members, which were to be followed up on by staff and interested Board members.

Mr. Domina briefly summarized an opinion he issued last August regarding the power and authority of the County Executive and County Board, a copy of which is attached to the original of these minutes.

Supervisor Holloway concluded the discussion on this item by stating that what he wanted to do was create a sense of cooperation and to shore up this body from a policy perspective so it is not being ignored or disrespected. He has presented the concept for discussion. If the Board wants to change the process to make it stronger, that's up to the Board. Discussion and debate can continue in the Finance and Audit and Personnel Committees.

The Committee proceeded to Item 2.

**** CLOSED SESSION ****

The Committee may adjourn into closed session under the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes, Sections 19.85(1)(e) and (g), for the purpose of the Committee deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business and receiving oral or written advice from legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to pending or possible litigation with regard to the following matter. At the conclusion of the closed session, the Committee may reconvene in open session to take whatever action it may deem necessary.

2. 04W1 Advice from Corporation Counsel regarding Courthouse Annex and Marquette Interchange Construction.

B-115 ***ACTION BY: (Nyklewicz) adjourn into closed session under the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes, Sections 19.85(1)(e) and (g), for the purpose of the Committee deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business and receiving oral or written advice from legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to pending or possible litigation with regard to the subject matter. At the conclusion of the closed session, the Committee may reconvene in open session to take whatever action it may deem necessary. 18-0***

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

AYES: Nyklewicz, Coggs-Jones, Borkowski, De Bruin, Mayo, White, Schmitt, Johnson, Weishan, McCue, Cesarz, Broderick, Clark, Devine, Dimitrijevic, Rice, West and Holloway (Chair) – 18

NOES: 0

EXCUSED: Quindel

The Committee adjourned into closed session at approximately 3:05 p.m. and did not reconvene in open session.

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This meeting was recorded on tape. Committee files contain copies of materials provided to Committee members regarding items listed on this agenda, which may be reviewed upon request to the Chief Committee Clerk. The official copy of these minutes is available in the County Board Committee Services Division.

Length of Meeting: 2:05 p.m. to 3:05 p.m.

Adjourned,

Lauri Henning

Chief Committee Clerk
Committee on the Whole